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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

This Response to Office Action is filed in response to the Office Action mailed August 22, 2005, rejecting claims 32, 52, 62-69, 84, 85, 88, 89 and 104-107 of the above-referenced patent application. The cited references are Stausbøl-Grøn, et al., 391 *FEBS Letters* 71 (1996) (referred to as Brian, et al., in the Office Action) and U.S. Patent Nos. 5,879,881 and 5,137,808. The undersigned would like to thank Examiners Venci and Le for the telephonic interview held on Nov. 18, 2005.

The following amendments and remarks remove all grounds for rejection of the application, thereby placing it in condition for allowance.

The current status of the Claims is reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper, which is presented to address the omission of the status of claims 53-61 in the Office Action Response filed July 8, 2005.

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